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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method of treating or preventing obesity (or suppressing the appetite) in a human patient by antagonizing CB1 receptors and inhibiting the enzyme 11 $\beta$ -HSD1 in an amount that is effective to treat or prevent obesity. Compounds useful in the present invention have an ion channel activity level greater than about 2  $\mu$ M. Preferably the compound is a dual selective inhibitor, selectively antagonizing CB1 receptors and selectively inhibiting the enzyme 11 $\beta$ -HSD1.

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